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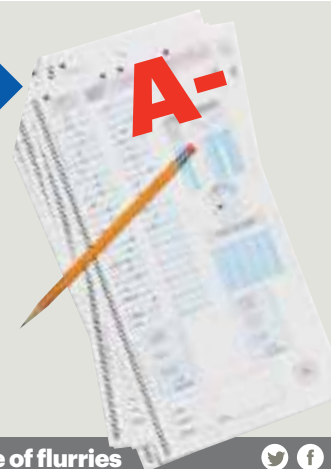
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TRAGIC SHOOTING: LOCAL LEADERS STEPPING UP

Indigenous officials promise action, support in wake of shocking murders in La Loche, Sask.



Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

Manitoba's indigenous leaders promised action and support over the weekend after four people were killed and many others wounded during

a school shooting in northern Saskatchewan.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs said the community was shocked by the shooting, which has seen a 17-year-old boy charged with four counts of first-degree murder and seven counts of attempted

murder.

"No one anticipates this kind of tragedy to unfold in any of our communities and as such, this tragedy creates shock and difficulty amongst all of us who have friends and families throughout our northern communities," said Nepinak.

"I have been in the territory

of northern Saskatchewan in the past and I met and shared stories with many wonderful people from the Dene territory in northern Saskatchewan.

"Over the coming days, I will be contacting the leadership of the Meadow Lake Tribal Council, FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron and others to discuss how we

can best provide support."

Across Canada, other leaders expressed sympathy and shock for the predominantly Métis community of La Loche.

"It is unbelievable that a killing on this scale can occur in one of our communities," said President Clement Chartier of the Métis National Council.

"My granddaughter attends that school and is one of the fortunate ones who survived. I can only imagine the grief of the families of the victims."

Chartier said he was heading to the community to offer his support and condolences.

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SARGENT AVENUE

Shooting sends one person to hospital



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Metro | Winnipeg

One person is in hospital in critical condition after a shooting at a nightclub on Sargent Avenue early Saturday morning.

A man suffering from gunshot wounds was taken to hospital at about 3:30 a.m. said a source with knowledge of the incident.

Police later determined the club was where the shooting had taken place.

Police confirmed a man was shot on Saturday and said Sunday they were notified by hospital staff after the man was dropped off.

The investigation by the homicide unit continues, said Const. Eric Hofley.

This isn't the first violent

incident at the club. On Feb. 14, 2015, several people were stabbed and a police chase ensued to catch the suspects.

Police said then a fight broke out after an employee asked a group of people to leave.

Instead, one of the suspects produced a weapon and stabbed the employee. When his co-workers tried to help, they were also stabbed and assaulted.

Meanwhile, a woman stole keys to a black Dodge Charger and drove it up to the club so the suspects could get away. However, one of the four was left behind and arrested at the scene.

Police chased the stolen vehicle until it crashed on Portage Avenue near the Empress Street underpass.

Four people from Ontario were charged in the crime.



Police at the scene of a shooting Saturday morning. METRO

Father pleads for info in son's assault

POLICE

Teen thrown in dumpster isn't talking much, says parent



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The father of a boy who was allegedly assaulted and thrown in a North End dumpster is asking for someone to come forward with information about the traumatic event.

"Somebody must have seen something," John Morissette said.

His son, Jean-Micheal, 13, was discovered in a dumpster on Jan. 7 after having been trapped in there for hours.

Police said the boy was walking alone when two adults grabbed him from behind and shoved him into the garbage bin.

Jean-Micheal has intellectual disabilities, and has been unable to recount much about what happened.

"He doesn't talk about it, and I don't blame him," Morissette said.

But police think someone in the community saw something, and both they and Morissette are urging that person to talk.

Winnipeg Police Sgt. Rob Kanaski said the people who



John Morissette stands near the dumpster where his son was assaulted and thrown inside.

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

helped Jean-Micheal "heard somebody yell something which was pertaining to the whole incident," but police haven't had contact with that person.

"This is somebody we are guessing from the neighbourhood here," Kanaski said, adding that other than the potential witness, police have no leads and no suspect description.

In the meantime, Morissette said kids in the area around Flora Avenue where the assault

“Just step forward, that's all I'm asking, so that justice can be done for my son.”

John Morissette

took place have been told to buddy-up and not walk alone. "We need to step up, this is our kids that play in our area,

that live in this area, let's make it safe again," he said, encouraging people to relay information even anonymously.

"At least call and say you saw something, and describe what you saw, that's a step forward in taking back our community....

"Just step forward, that's all I'm asking, so that justice can be done for my son."

Anyone with information can contact investigators at 204-986-2848 or CrimeStoppers at 204-786-8477.

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City will check those pets

ANIMALS

Officials to spot check owners over licensing

City officials in Winnipeg are conducting a different kind of spot check — or maybe it's a kitty check, if you have a cat.

Either way, animal services officers are knocking on doors in the city to make sure people have licensed their pets.

If their dogs or cats haven't been properly registered, it's a \$250 ticket.

St. James resident Kyla Ronstandt said as a pet owner, it seems a little like overkill.

"I get it, but I'd rather they take the money they're making and use it to find people who are abusing animals or letting their cats roam," said Ronstandt, 38, who owns a golden retriever and a cat, both licensed.

"Or use the money to help those animals they rescue find homes or spaying or getting them fixed. Seems like a waste of time."



Do Rover and Princess have their pet licence? Winnipeggers might get a knock on the door from Animal Services to check that they're registered. ELISHA DACEY/METRO



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Kyla Ronstandt

Animal Services boss Leland Gordon says people might not like it but these types of checks

are part of the job.

He says without enforcement, he thinks there would be "a

chunk" of the population that would never license their pets.

He says it's the same as with speeding — if police didn't enforce the rules on the roads, people would speed all the time.

The city handed out 641 of the tickets in 2014, bringing in more than \$160,000 in

\$250

If dogs and/or cats haven't been properly registered, pet owners face a **\$250** fine.

641

In 2014 the city handed out a total of **641 tickets** to owners for not licensing their animals.

\$160K

The 641 tickets the city doled in 2014 were worth more than **\$160,000**.

revenue for the city.

Gordon says anyone wondering if their pet's licence is expired or how to get one can call 311.

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KINDNESS

Winnipeg hotel donates beds, mattresses and sofas to Syrian refugees

A hotel that is being renovated and converted into a luxury apartment building is giving 34 suites worth of bed frames, mattresses and sofas to newly-arrived Syrian refugees.

John Saad, general manager of Place Louis Riel Suite Hotel, says that they could have easily sold the items to another hotel chain.

But he says it is a great way to "repurpose" the furniture and it gives Syrian refugees a head start as they begin their new lives in Canada.

Ahmad Jameel, a refugee, said through a translator that they are very thankful for any help offered and called the gesture an "amazing" and "wonderful" show of kindness.

But Saad says there is nothing amazing about the donation and it was just "a natural thought process."

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An artist's rendering of the new building. CONTRIBUTED

Confusion Corner taking new shape

REVITALIZATION

Work begins on Osborne Place office building

Construction has begun on a new six-storey office building at Confusion Corner.

Osborne Place will offer more than 32,000 square feet

of office space and on-site parking and is meant to be part of the revitalization efforts at the city's busiest intersection.

"We're pleased that Osborne Place will meet and exceed the goals outlined by the City of Winnipeg's Corydon-Osborne area plan," said Adrian Schulz, CEO of Imperial Properties, the property-management company leading the project and leasing the building.

"The city's emphasis on

highrise and mixed-use developments feels like a new beginning, and we're proud that our redevelopment of the Osborne and Pembina corner is validating and kick-starting this plan."

Osborne Place is the first of a two-phase plan for the site. Phase 2 will see a 10- to 12-storey residential building built next door to the now in-construction office tower in 2017. METRO

CHARGES

Mountie dragged by car during investigation

A Mountie received minor injuries after being dragged by a fleeing vehicle during an investigation of a single-vehicle crash.

The crash happened on Wednesday morning on the Trans-Canada Highway just east of Carberry, Man.

RCMP said they found the female driver to be in possession of a minor quantity of drugs and drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed back to the detachment, and a further investigation determined she had provided false ID.

RCMP said that when the woman realized this, she stepped on the gas and ended up dragging an officer as he tried to disengage the ignition, stopping only when she drove into a snowbank.

Caley Elizabeth Steele, 27, of Lac du Bonnet has been charged with assaulting a police officer, among other charges.

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CRIME

Police seek tips after 1920s buggy stolen



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Manitoba RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in solving the case of a stolen horse-drawn buggy.

The police tweeted out that a literal "old school robbery" had taken place and that the buggy as well as antique tricycles were stolen.

Spokesman Robert Cyrenne said the missing buggy is believed to be from 1927.

"It was stolen from a property

in Shoal Lake, between Dec. 19 and Jan. 6," Cyrenne said, noting the property owners had been away during that time.

"When they came back they saw they had been broken into."

The antique tricycles are from the 1940s.

"So they are pretty unique items that were stolen, so that's why we (tweeted)," Cyrenne said.

The RCMP encourage members of the public to contact the Hamiota detachment at 204-764-2732, "if you have any info — or happen to see a couple antique tricycles pulling a buggy down the road."



RCMP Manitoba — Old school robbery, literally — 1920s horse-drawn buggy & antique tricycles stolen near Hamiota, 100km away from Winnipeg

Seen this buggy? RCMP are looking for it. CONTRIBUTED



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Canada

Work together to shake racist tag, mayor urges

Women beseech leaders

DIVERSITY FORUM

Inclusivity event held on anniversary of Maclean's item



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

In an event held at city hall Friday, marking the one-year anniversary of when Maclean's magazine labelled Winnipeg the most racist city in Canada, Mayor Brian Bowman made a string of promises to work with indigenous peoples toward diversity and greater inclusion.

Such commitments included development of an urban indigenous accord and implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations that directly relate to cities — such as making it mandatory for all civic employees to receive training on the legacy of residential schools.

"The message that I wanted to provide today is we're going to do our part, but each Winnipegger needs to do their part so we can do a better job as a community," Bowman told media afterward.

The mayor vowed to visit every high school in the city over the next two years to speak on the importance of diversity and civic engagement.

Other commitments included installing a commemorative sign to honour school survivors at the site of a former residential school on Academy Road as well as an extension of the city's private refugee sponsorship assurance program.

The infamous magazine article published a year ago chronicled numerous instances of violence and racism experienced by indigenous people in our city. Since then, Bowman said, he has noticed a "shift in tone."

"If we had just simply tried to attack a headline that was really intended to grab attention, I don't think we would be here today. I don't think we would have had the change on the ground that we're seeing."

Friday's event was filled with numerous indigenous speakers and community leaders who extolled the city's fight against racism, underlining that much work still needs to be done, particularly in the areas of education and child and family services.



We're going to do our part, but each Winnipegger needs to do their part so we can do a better job as a community.

Mayor Brian Bowman



Above, from left: Wab Kinew, chairman of the mayor's indigenous advisory circle, Justice Murray Sinclair and Mayor Brian Bowman take part at Friday's event, held on the one-year anniversary of the infamous Maclean's magazine article.

At right: two of the women pictured here interrupted Friday's event on separate occasions, sharing stories that demonstrated feelings of injustice and exclusion.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



At one point in Friday's proceedings, a woman walked to the front of the room after the opening prayer and began pleading to the crowd and officials, saying she is a Somali mother new to Canada who had her children apprehended.

"What they say is not true; we suffer, and our children are suffering here," she said, repeating that she thought Canada stood for "humanity."

Bowman agreed to meet with the woman. Minutes later she and a family member were led by police chief Devon Clunis and others to a private room at the back.

"Let's take a minute to think about that lady and her family and what she is experiencing and acknowledge the validity of the concern that she has raised for us, because they are an example of what this day is all about," speaker Justice Murray Sinclair said afterward.

Later a second woman raised her hand, saying she wanted to talk about embracing diversity.

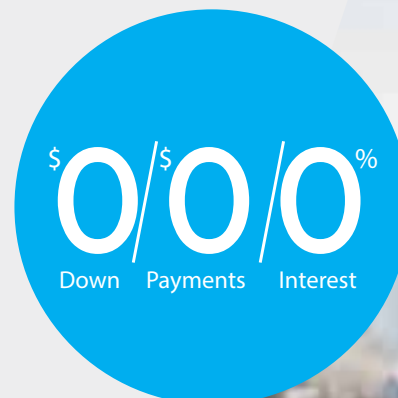
"They say friendly Manitoba; it's not," the woman said from the microphone after being invited to the front.

She went on to say authority figures, such as managers, need more diversity education, then applauded Bowman's efforts to be more inclusive and welcome refugees. Bowman later said the interruptions were a political first for him.

"People feel like they have no voice, and if that compels someone to come here, that's OK. That is OK."

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It was the kind of savvy political strategy that politicians and lobbyists attempt to craft today: stitch together a coalition of supporters from diverse communities, secure financial backers, mount a successful ad campaign and earn some positive media coverage.

A group of women in Manitoba used it to win the right to vote a century ago.

The province was the first place in Canada to bring in women's suffrage, on Jan. 28, 1916. That triggered a wave of changes — first in Western Canada and finally at the federal level in 1919.

The Manitoba movement



Hunter Boon, left, and Cedey Kehler view documents related to a 1916 amendment to the Manitoba Elections Act at the Manitoba Archives on Saturday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

was complex. There were people who supported temperance. There were many journalists — members of the Canadian Women's Press Club. Some unions supported women's suffrage, as did powerful farmers' groups.

Members of the Political Equality League, which included such notable members as Nellie McClung, Cora Hind and Lillian Beynon Thomas, as well as male supporters, helped recruit and rally those disparate voices with speeches,

meetings and articles in the papers. They had paid organizers and launched a major publicity blitz at the Winnipeg Stampede in 1913.

"I've always said that if (Beynon Thomas) had been running things today, she would

have been running a strategy group that planned elections, because she was the plotter of the whole thing," said Linda McDowell, a retired history teacher and expert on women's suffrage.

Businesswoman Martha Jane Hample, who would go on to become a member of the provincial legislature, helped bankroll the activities of the league.

Social media and viral videos didn't exist, of course, but in 1914 the women created major buzz with a provocative play at the Walker Theatre in Winnipeg. Their mock Parliament parodied the intransigence of Manitoba Premier Rodmond Roblin and imagined a parallel world where women were in power.

"Politics unsettles men, and unsettled men means unsettled bills, broken furniture, broken vows and divorce.... Man's place is on the farm," McClung told the crowd, playing the role of Roblin.

Roblin's government fell the following year amid scandal, and the new Liberal government finally extended the vote to women in 1916.

Today, 29 per cent of the

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I thought in 100 years we'd be further along.

Myrna Driedger

Manitoba legislature is composed of women lawmakers. Of the 14 MPs from the province, three are women.

"I thought in 100 years we'd be further along than we are, whether it's women in politics, women on boards, women running big companies," lamented Myrna Driedger, founder of the Nellie McClung Foundation and a Conservative member of the Manitoba legislature.

Still, Driedger said she's felt in recent years that there is a new energy among women in Canada. Earlier this month, 600 women gathered in Winnipeg at a business networking event called SHE Day.

"We are taking more charge of ensuring that we can be leaders, and inspiring leaders, and inspiring the women who come after us," she said.

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'We must stop and listen'

LA LOCHE

Leaders need to be heard to stop violence: Victim's family

The family of a teacher who was among four people killed in shootings in northern Saskatchewan says the country must listen to the community for the kind of change that is needed to prevent similar tragedies from happening again.

The family of Adam Woods said what happened in this tiny community gives the country an "opportunity to examine ourselves and hopefully, come out better and stronger as a community and a nation. We feel sadness and remorse but rarely do we use that to fuel change."

In a statement, the family says the leaders of the village need to be heard to prevent similar losses in the future.

"Rather than looking for someone to blame, or coming up with outsider opinions of reasons why this occurred, we must stop and listen to the voices of La Loche. The



Residents of La Loche, Sask., say a prayer in front of a makeshift memorial at La Loche Community School on Sunday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

leaders and members of the community know what types of support and changes are needed. Our responsibility as a nation is to listen and respond to create lasting systemic change."

The archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas also made an ap-

peal Sunday for the community to find hope for its young people at a service that he estimated 250 attended at the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation.

Archbishop Murray Chaitlain met with the family Saturday night of a 17-year-old

boy charged in the shootings to offer support in this "nightmare experience that they're going through and trying to offer them the support of the community."

"We're not blaming them. ... It's just, this has happened and now how do we bring

+ THE VICTIMS

Adam Woods, 35, who began teaching at the school in September, and teacher's aide Marie Janvier, 21, died after they were shot at the school.

Brothers Drayden Fontaine, 13, and Dayne Fontaine, 17, were discovered by the RCMP in a home not far away.

healing and support and try to find ways for our young people to have more hope."

The 17-year-old boy, who can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with four counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of attempted murder and unauthorized possession of a firearm. He is scheduled to make his first appearance Monday in Meadow Lake provincial court.

Saskatchewan RCMP say that during an eight-minute period in the La Loche Community school on Friday afternoon, nine people were shot.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Premier seeks aid from U.S.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says his province is in touch with officials in the United States for help rebuilding after a school shooting.

Wall said the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Bruce Heyman, called him Friday after four people were killed at the school and in a nearby home in La Loche.

He noted that, "quite tragically, the United States has more experience."

"He offered that perhaps those communities where these types of events have occurred in the past in his country ... they might be able to provide some counsel, some support, some ideas around approaches for the days ahead."

Wall said he has asked his deputy minister to "canvass that option with our American friends to find out perhaps what has worked better maybe than some other things."

There have been many mass shootings at American schools in recent years, most notably one at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., that killed 20 children and 6 staff in 2012.

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LEGISLATION

Federal government to repeal contentious section of Bill C-59



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Repealing Conservative legislation on collective bargaining will be one of the Liberal government's "first orders of business," according to a senior Treasury Board official.

The commitment to repeal the section of Bill C-59 is a

sign of improved labour relations between the federal government and public sector unions with both sides soon returning to the bargaining table, one union head says.

"This government remains committed to bargaining in good faith with Canada's federal public sector," Carl Trotter, an associate assistant deputy minister at Treasury Board, said in a Jan. 21 email to public service unions.

"To this end, this government intends to make the repeal of C-59 one of their first orders of business."

Section 20 of the law, which the then-Conservative government enacted last June, gives the federal

government the power to bypass collective bargaining and unilaterally impose a new disability and sick leave regime.

Public sector unions decried the move as unconstitutional and launched a court challenge.

"It's a step in a positive direction."
Debi Daviau, president of the Professional Institute of Public Servants of Canada

The Liberals had committed to bargaining in good faith with public sector unions, but had not specifically committed to repealing Section 20.

The government has also said it won't exercise the powers in the legislation before repealing it.

"It's a step in a positive direction," said Debi Daviau, president of the Professional Institute of Public Servants

of Canada.

"It's really important because you can't negotiate with a pre-supposed notion of where you're going to end up," she added.

However, Daviau said she hopes the government will repeal aspects of Bill C-4, another Conservative government bill that changed rules on the right to strike, arbitration access, and rules surrounding essential services.

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1 People dig out their cars in Alexandria, Va., on Sunday. Millions of Americans were preparing to dig themselves out Sunday after a mammoth blizzard with hurricane-force winds and record-setting snowfall brought much of the East Coast to an icy standstill. CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



2 Children slide in the snow in Central Park on Sunday in New York. FRANCOIS XAVIER MARIT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



3 Charlie Katshir, 15, sleds in Siebert Park in Camp Hill, Pa., on Saturday. MARK PYNES/PENNLIVE.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blizzard breaks snowfall records

UNITED STATES

Single-day highs set across east coast amid hurricane winds

Millions of Americans began digging out Sunday from a mammoth blizzard that set a new single-day snowfall record in Washington and New York City. The hurricane-force winds and whiteout conditions gave way to blinding sunshine and temperatures slightly above freezing, promising a gentle thawing-out.

The timing could not have been better for East Coast states: The heaviest snow began falling Friday evening, and tapered off just before midnight Saturday. Millions heeded calls to stay home, enabling road crews to clear snow and ice.

New York and Baltimore began lifting travel restrictions and hearty souls ventured out on snow-choked streets, while mass transit systems up and down

the coast gradually restored normal service.

The air travel picture remained complicated after 7,000 weekend flights were cancelled: United Airlines said limited service might begin later Sunday in New York City, but airports in the Washington D.C. area were likely to remain closed Sunday, and other airlines began cutting Monday service.

The massive snowstorm brought both Washington, D.C., and New York to a stop, dumping as much as 90 centimetres of snow and stranding tens of thousands of travellers. At least 18 deaths were blamed on the weather, resulting from car crashes, shovelling snow and hypothermia.

In New York, the storm dropped 68.1 centimetres in Central Park, the second-most recorded since 1869 and just short of the record 68.3 centimetres set in February 2006. The 67.6 centimetres that fell on Sat-

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The heaviest reported snowfall was **107 centimetres in Glengary, West Virginia.**

urday, however, was the city's record for a single day. At Washington's National Zoo, 56.9 centimetres fell, beating the 53.3 centimetres that fell on Jan. 28, 1922.

The storm dropped snow from the Gulf Coast to the northeastern New England

states, with areas of Washington surpassing 75 centimetres. The heaviest official report was 107 centimetres, in Glengary, W. Va.

Travel conditions were improving from the dangerously snowy, icy roads that led to crashes that killed several people Friday and Saturday.

An Ohio teenager sledding behind an all-terrain vehicle was hit by a truck and killed, and two people died of hypothermia in southwest Virginia. In North Carolina, a man whose car had veered off an icy-covered road was arrested on charges of killing one of three men who stopped to help.

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An elderly woman lies on a dock last Wednesday as she waits to be transferred to a nearby island after she arrived with others from Turkey to the deserted island of Papas, near Chios island.

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No stopping refugees

GREEK ISLANDS

Coast guard powerless to control most of the influx

In the inky nighttime blackness, a small red dot appears on the radar screen, moving fast.

"That's a smuggler," the captain of the coast guard's lifeboat says, swinging the vessel around and opening up the throttle, the boat cutting through the water on a frigid January night.

But the lifeboat, designed for search-and-rescue operations rather than high-speed chases, is no match for the smuggler's speedboat. The smuggler ignores the searchlight, the shouts and the warning shots fired by the Greek coast guard, deftly navigating his small white vessel onto a tiny patch of beach among rocks.

There he disgorges his human cargo — men, women and children risking their lives in a quest for safety and a better future in Europe. They use ropes to scramble up a cliff, heading toward a lighthouse on an island they are soon to discover is deserted save for an army

outpost. They will spend a cold, wet, uncomfortable night there until the coast guard can send boats in the morning.

Hour after hour, by night and by day, Greek coast-guard patrols and lifeboats, reinforced by vessels from the European Union's border agency Frontex, ply the waters of the eastern Aegean Sea along the frontier with Turkey. They are on the lookout for people being smuggled onto the shores of Greek islands — the front line of Europe's massive refugee crisis.

Although smugglers are often arrested, the task is mainly a search-and-rescue role. Hours spent on patrol shows the near-impossibility of sealing Europe's sea borders as some have demanded of Greece, whose islands so near to Turkey are the most popular gateway into Europe.

The sheer numbers have been overwhelming.

More than 850,000 people, most fleeing conflict in Syria and Afghanistan, entered Greece by sea in 2015, according to the UNHCR. Already in 2016, 35,455 people have arrived despite plunging winter temperatures and days of stormy weather.

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EGYPT

Tut, tut... bad glue job, guys

King Tut hasn't been around for a few thousand years, but his power remains: After a botched repair job of the famed pharaoh's beard left scratches on his burial mask, Egyptian prosecutors have ordered eight museum workers to a disciplinary court for "gross negligence."

The 3,300-year-old mask,

whose beard was accidentally knocked off and hastily glued on with epoxy in 2014, was scratched and damaged during the amateurish repair work, prosecutors said Sunday. Their statement implicated the then-head of the Egyptian Museum and the chief of the restoration department.

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POLITICAL RHETORIC

Trump confident in his own popularity

Donald Trump is so confident about the loyalty of his supporters that he predicted Saturday they would stick with him even if he shot someone.

The Republican presidential front-runner bashed conservative commentator Glenn Beck's support of rival Ted Cruz and welcomed a figure from the GOP establishment, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, in rallies nine days before the Iowa caucuses open voting in the 2016 campaign.

"I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, OK?" Trump told an enthusiastic audience at a Christian school, Dordt College. "It's, like, incredible."

Beck campaigned for Ted Cruz and held little back in going after Trump. "The time for silliness and reality-show tactics has passed," Beck charged at a Cruz rally. He



Donald Trump
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warned that a Trump victory in the Feb. 1 caucuses could have lasting consequences.

Trump demonstrated the extent to which some in the Republican establishment have begun to accept a potential Trump nomination when Grassley introduced him at an event in Pella.

Grassley did not offer an endorsement, but his presence

underscored Trump's enduring position at the top of the polls as voting approaches.

Days after Trump was endorsed by tea-party favourite Sarah Palin, Cruz flashed his own conservative muscle during a rally in Ankeny, Iowa. Rep. Steve King, an Iowa Republican and conservative firebrand, and Iowa social conservative leader Bob Vander Plaats encouraged local Republicans to unite behind Cruz.

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Oil, pump price gap grows

Prices at the gas pump fell four per cent in December, but crude prices fell by more than three times that amount during that time.

Gasoline prices in Canada averaged \$1.02 per litre last month, when crude averaged \$37 US a barrel. But in February 2009, when oil sold for \$39, the average price for gas was about 15 per cent cheaper at 85 cents a litre.

The Bank of Canada noted, in its Monetary Policy Report last week, a growing gap between oil prices and pump prices in the second half of 2015, when crude fell sharply. Oil prices have fallen by 75 per cent since mid-2014.

The companies who refine crude into gasoline are taking a bigger piece of the pie, said Robyn Allan, an independent economist in Vancouver.

Between 2000 and 2014, refining and marketing margins averaged 17.7 cents a litre. But in 2015, the average margins grew to 28.9 cents per litre, she found. That average refinery margin grew to 32.3 cents per litre in the first few weeks of this year, as oil prices fell rapidly, she noted.

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■ The wholesale price: In Ontario the price tends to move alongside that set on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In the U.S., where there is more competition, the NYMEX price is seen as a ceiling for prices at the pumps, gas analyst Dan McTeague says, while Canadian companies use it as a floor.

■ The refiners: The refining margin, or "crack spread," is the difference between the price of crude and the wholesale price. Big oil companies have an "upstream" side — exploration and production — as well as a "downstream" side — refining and marketing. The price for oil is now so low that it's eating into their

bottom lines. To offset that, they charge more to refine the crude into fuel for cars.

■ The loonie: Oil and wholesale gasoline are priced in U.S. dollars, and with the loonie being worth just 70.67 cents US on Friday, it costs a lot more to fill up. Oil at \$30 US a barrel amounts to \$42.36 Canadian. McTeague says if the loonie was at par, Canadians could be saving another 14 cents a litre.

■ The taxes: The federal government collects about 10 cents a litre, while the provinces collect anywhere from six to 16 cents per litre. In the U.S., consumers pay an average of 12 to 18 cents a litre in taxes.

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consumers and businesses at the expense of the Canadian economy."

Oil companies are keeping more profits to refine the oil into gasoline in order to offset

what they are losing in production profit, which increases prices at the pump, said Roger McKnight, chief petroleum analyst for En-Pro International.

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Low loonie pinch not same for all

Manufacturing, tourism sectors benefit



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The Canadian dollar is hovering around 70 cents against the U.S. dollar after reaching

a 13-year low last week. Such a low loonie has economists sounding the alarm about declining business and consumer confidence.

While the effects of the low dollar are complex and affecting many different parts of the

Canadian economy, different regions of the country will be impacted differently.

Here, we take a look at some of the effects of the low loonie on cities from coast-to-coast in different economic sectors.



PRICE OF FOOD

Canadians are already feeling the effects of the faltering loonie at the grocery store. According to researchers at the University of Guelph, the sudden currency drop in 2015 led to fruits, vegetables and nuts increasing in price by up to 10 per cent. This year, those prices could increase by another 4.5 per cent. For example, cauliflower prices have tripled, with a head now selling for about \$8 in some Toronto grocery stores. That means the average household will spend \$345 more this year than last year for the exact same food, the researchers say. "For every cent the dollar drops, foods that are imported likely increase one per cent or more," Sylvain Charlebois, lead author of the sixth annual Food Price Report from the university's Food Institute, said in a release.

MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS

Conventional wisdom is that a lower Canadian dollar is better for companies that export a lot of their products to the U.S. In Ontario, where manufacturing was particularly hard-hit during the recession, manufacturing sales are up by 21 per cent over that period, excluding petroleum refining. B.C.'s forestry sector, whose exports have gradually grown in the last few years, could be due for an even bigger jump. The province exported \$4.3 billion in wood products to the U.S. in 2014, up from \$2.4 billion in 2009. For every one cent decline in the Canadian dollar, the B.C. provincial government estimates it gets an extra \$25 to \$50 million in its coffers.



JOBS

In certain areas, the low dollar helps employment. Cities with strong film and television industries, such as Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, are disproportionately benefitting compared to cities such as Winnipeg and Edmonton where that sector is less prominent. Provinces with a strong agriculture sector, such as Manitoba, and B.C., are doing well. That's due to more exports south of the border and low commodity prices. But other sectors, such as manufacturing, are slower to react. Canada's unemployment rate sits at 7.1 per cent, slightly higher than a year ago and lower than the 5 per cent rate in the U.S.

TOURISM

The low dollar may have some Canadians reconsidering that trip to Florida. But it's good news for popular Canadian tourism destinations. American tourists enticed at the possibility of a cheap vacation have more reason to travel north of the border. Whistler, B.C. had its busiest November ever in terms of nights booked, up 10 per cent from a year ago, said Tourism Whistler spokeswoman Patricia Westerholm. The pace of booking heading into the holiday period outperformed the last two years.



SPORTS TEAMS

The falling loonie is not good news for Canadian pro sports teams. NHL teams, for example, pay their players and coaches in U.S. dollars, but most of their revenue from tickets and merchandise is in Canadian dollars. At the current exchange rate, the Edmonton Oilers' payroll of around \$67 million U.S. translates to about \$95 million Canadian. The players, living in Canada and making increasingly valuable U.S. dollars, may be happy for now. However, the low Canadian dollar also drives down overall league revenues. Those are taken into account when calculating the NHL's salary cap, which has risen to \$71.4 million U.S. in 2015-16, up from \$39 million in 2005-06.



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THE BIG QUESTION

Could Donald Trump really become the U.S. president?

If you're a betting person, you probably shouldn't put your money on him. Real-estate and reality-TV magnate Donald Trump is estimated to have 45 per cent odds of winning the Republican Party nomination by the website Predictwise, which analyzes "prediction markets" — basically, people who are betting on the outcomes of real-life events, whether it's the winner of Wimbledon or the future occupant of the White House. Such markets, research shows, tend to be more accurate than opinion polls at guessing election results. So the possibility of the brash (and, some say, bigoted) Trump winning the nomination is very real: The next most popular candidate, Marco Rubio, is a distant second at 31 per cent. Ted Cruz is trailing at just 11. However, if Trump ends up in November's general election, it's likely himself he'll be calling a loser. Gamblers have placed just 16 per cent odds on a Trump takeover of the Oval Office.

The new Manitoba Party only sounds like a joke

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes



So an entomologist, a restaurateur, a NCAA-certified basketball coach and a dialysis technologist interested in government finances walk into a bar ... and somehow form a new political party.

Now to be fair, my analogy could be a little off. I have no idea if these men ever actually met in a bar, but the platform announced by the newly formed and yet-to-be-

officially recognized Manitoba Party does seem like some sort of punchline.

If elected, the party promises to slash the province's revenue by hundreds of millions of dollars through the elimination of the business payroll tax, while also lowering the provincial sales tax to five per cent. In the interest of equality, the Manitoba Party also intends to implement a flat income tax of 10 per cent, providing our wealthiest citizens a tax break of more than seven per cent.

How the Manitoba Party would maintain health-care services, schools or infrastructure in the wake of plummeting revenues hasn't yet been made clear by interim party leader Taz Stuart. Perhaps he is still working out the bugs.

Luckily, the odds aren't in the Manitoba Party's favour. History tells us that this

is not the first time a group of misfits have banded together under the Manitoba Party banner. In 1998 Roger Woloshyn founded the first Manitoba Party, which ran 12 candidates in the 1999 provincial election on what was described at the time as basically a Reform Party platform. They received less than one per cent of the popular vote. Party president Brian Hanslip is remembered less for his run for office; more for telling the National Post in April of that same year that support for gay high school students would spread AIDS.

While it appears as though there is no direct link between the two Manitoba Parties, I'd expect that the current incarnation is aware of the former and — for reasons I'm not privy to — decided to resurrect the brand anyways.

If I were to speculate, I'd

say the new Manitoba Party is looking to the very successful Saskatchewan Party for inspiration. Even the two logos are similar. However, unlike the Manitoba Party, the Saskatchewan Party was found by individuals who had actually been able to get elected to public office.

That said, this hell-bound snowball could still influence the outcome in some ridings by syphoning off right-leaning voters and providing an outlet for disaffected Manitobans in key ridings. In any event, the campaign is about to get a lot more colourful.

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There are reasons the Oscars are #sowhite. Let's fix one of them.



Deena Douara Karim
Metro | Toronto

When I was a teacher, I wrote an assignment that examined social justice through probability. It was called Is It Fishy or No? "A student complains a teacher is unfair because she always calls on girls. Seven girls and three boys keep their hands up. Of 100 questions, the teacher called on girls 73 times. Is it fishy?"

I could have used #OscarsSoWhite, the racial disparity in nominations that's prompted calls to boycott. Of the major categories, 41 nominees were white, one was Asian and one was Latino.

While the focus has been on black under-representation (13 per cent of the American population), missing too are Latinos (17), Asians (six) and Arabs (one). We're all in the room, but how many have their hands up (apply, audition, send scripts) and don't get called on by the industry?

From a probability stance, it's not clear enough flawless films were made by, about or starring non-whites to establish fishiness, nor to determine if this is a Hollywood-wide trend (especially since the Golden Globes did include Straight Outta Compton, Will Smith and Idris Elba).

The useful question is not if the academy is racist, but whether it matters that most nominees are white, and if so, how does that get addressed?

First, it does matter. Minorities have different stories to tell. Different sensibilities and styles, perhaps. Differ-

ent inspiration and youth to inspire. Stereotypes to belie and shatter.

As UCLA's Bunche Center phrased it: "When media images are rooted primarily in stereotype, inequality is normalized and is more likely to be reinforced over time."

There are institutional barriers preventing people of colour from success in media, but one that's rarely discussed is self-imposed. The odds are already against non-whites. Maybe we should reconsider our values and priorities.

There are some commonalities across the immigrant experience, but I know Arab and South Asian communities best. We value physicians, engineers, pharmacists and accountants — in that order and above all else. Professions of respect, but not influence; careers that are invisible in a time when we need to have our hands up. What images do Arabs have to compete with Osama bin Laden's disheveled beard?

If our stories aren't told, we need to write them. Communities unhappy with what is reflected back when we tune in, pay up and vote should be encouraging, admiring and granting scholarships for paths that are riskier, less cushy, but far more visible. Journalism and production. Filmmaking and screenwriting. We need to be in and around politics — where there are far too few minorities of any kind.

In a class of 10, if seven girls have their hands up and three boys do, how can we get the rest of the boys to wake up?

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Maximize your investment

NEST EGG

You need to take advantage of all options available

Michelle Williams

If you're making RSP contributions, you'll have to make some decisions about where to invest. Here's a quick look at the most common investments and how risky they are:

Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs)

This is the most conservative way to invest.

"These certificates are issued by banks and trust companies, offering a secured rate of return over a fixed period of time," says Kathleen Peace, partner and wealth advisor at Woodgate Financial. "It's a secure investment that guarantees 100 per cent of the original principal that you invest."

The investment earns interest at a fixed or variable rate that is generally higher than savings-account rates, with a limited guarantee of up to \$100,000 per GIC provided by Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC). However, the rate of return compared to other investment securities is relatively low.

Bonds

Less conservative than GICs



When it comes to investing, a diverse portfolio helps reduce your risk. ISTOCK

but generally not as risky as stocks (with the exception of high-yield or junk bonds).

"A bond is a debt investment: you loan money to a corporation or government, which borrows from you for a defined period of time. You earn interest at a variable or fixed interest rate, essentially becoming a creditor of the bond issuer," explains Peace.

Like GICs, the risk can be lower compared to some other investments vehicles, but so is the return.

Stocks

Typically riskier than bonds or GICs. Also known as shares or equities, stocks are parcels of a company that you can invest in.

"As an owner, you have a

claim on assets and earnings, but you're also at risk of losing money when stocks go down," says Peace.

Some stocks are naturally riskier than others. However, the rate of return can be higher than other investments.

Mutual Funds

Pools of securities like stocks

or bonds within a sector, such as real estate or mining. They can also be diversified across all industry sectors, countries and types of securities.

The risk factor and rate of return would vary depending on the fund, explains Peace. An investor might choose a mutual fund for a more diverse portfolio.

+ WHY DIVERSIFY?

The logic is simple: don't keep all your eggs in one basket.

Investments can react differently to market, global, regional or industry upheaval; one investment can rise while another can fall. A diverse portfolio reduces your risk by helping to keep the overall value of your holdings in balance.

"Consider a portfolio made up solely of hospitality-industry stocks," says wealth advisor Kathleen Peace. "If global growth slows and people don't have enough money for travel, hospitality-industry earnings may suffer. As a consequence, your portfolio could experience a significant downturn and you could lose money. By comparison, imagine a portfolio holding both hospitality and digital-media stocks. The digital-media stocks may outperform during the same global downturn as people increasingly use technology and digital entertainment as a substitute for travel."

Diversifying doesn't guarantee against loss, she adds, but it goes a long way toward minimizing your risk.

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Over the next three months, **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** will help a recent grad drowning in debt and a charitable young professional to balance their budget, pay down loans and save for their future

Make a strategy for saving



THE CHALLENGE: Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie has 11 weeks remaining to transform the finances of two recent graduates — Annick, 24, and Yolanda, 27 — by helping them get out of debt, save money and track their spending. This week we'll focus on Yolanda.

THIS WEEK: A web communications specialist, Yolanda makes \$42,000 per year and spends \$750 a month on rent. Her goals are to save a \$25,000 down payment for a condo purchase in three years, grow her retirement savings and go on a trip each year.

NEXT WEEK: Annick owes money on her credit cards, to her family, and the government for her student loans. Who should she pay off first?

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Yolanda has traded in a higher paycheck for a job that she's passionate about with a national charity that helps children in developing countries. She's learned to live within her means, but we've recently discovered she's a binge saver. Yolanda contributes regularly to her RRSP and TFSA, and then in moments of weakness, drains the accounts for clothes, travel and entertainment.

In our money coaching session last week, Yolanda learned that every time she withdraws from her RRSP before retirement, she loses the contribution room permanently and pays a withholding tax to the government — ouch!

Her TFSA withdrawals are less of a problem because she can retain her contribution room and doesn't pay taxes when she withdraws her money.

In both cases, however, dipping into her RRSP or TFSA accounts prematurely means Yolanda won't capitalize on each account's tax advantages and she won't grow her down payment and retirement savings.

THE LESSON: Yolanda is using her RRSP and TFSA like a bank account rather than for long-term savings.

Yolanda has the right idea, which is to save through regular monthly contributions to her RRSP and TFSA, but she's over contributing and not leaving enough cash in her chequing account to pay for day-to-day expenses. So when something like a wedding creeps up, she's forced to liquidate her

\$ MONEY

A surprise

After closer examination of Yolanda's finances, we learned that her defined contribution pension is worth three times what she'd originally thought thanks to her employer matching her contributions to the plan.

Assets

RRSP	\$225
TFSA	\$725
Pension	\$3,850
Total Assets:	\$4,800

Liabilities

Visa	\$0
Master Card	\$0
Total Liabilities:	\$0

Net Worth: \$4,800

RRSP and TFSA to pay for a gift.

Yolanda needs to contribute less to her RRSP and TFSA to free up monthly cash flow for regular expenses. She will drop her RRSP contribution to \$150 from \$200 and TFSA contribution to \$250 from \$350. This action will free up \$150 per month. Yolanda will transfer \$50 of that money into a savings account for smaller one-off purchases.

This plan ensures Yolanda uses the right accounts for her short-term spending and long-term saving.



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BUDGETS

You need to know where you're going to get there

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada



With a new year in front of you, you can keep doing what you've always done. But then you shouldn't expect a different outcome. Or you can set some goals and do something different.

If you don't know what you want, if you don't lay a plan for getting from one point in your life to another, you're just wandering in the woods blindfolded. You're probably going to tumble down a steep slope, trip over some roots, or fall in a hole. You will get hurt. And then you'll be angry, frustrated, or sad. Wouldn't it just be easier to take off the blindfold?

You must be clear about what you want. If you want to buy a home, what kind of

you want? A condo, a townhouse or something that's fully detached? Where do you want to buy? In the city, the 'burbs or in the country? And how much are you prepared to go into the hole?

Know that you'll move at a different pace for goals depending on what else is going on in your life. What's most important is to keep moving forward. If you've got kids don't ignore the educational savings plan. Putting just a little away each month moves you towards the goal. Ditto saving for retirement and building an emergency fund. If you want to get your debt paid off you need to make a plan to get it gone by a specific date.

Let's say you decided to take 36 months to get out of debt. Out of nowhere comes a windstorm and half the shingles blow off your roof. Hey, that's life. You have to be prepared to adjust your plan as life happens, keeping your goals front and centre. So you fix the roof and then you get right back on the debt-repayment plan.

You can work towards more than one goal at a time. But you need to be prioritizing as you

go. Don't bite off more than you can chew. No, you can't buy a house, have a baby and go back to school all at the same time. What's your Goal No. 1? Where do the others fit into your plans?

Don't expect the journey to where you're going to always be a smooth one. Life happens, and you have to be flexible enough to cope.

Determination is what separates those who are serious about achieving their goals from those who are just dreaming. The folks who are waiting for whatever they want to fall into their laps end up confused by the wiggly roads they must venture down.

But waiting around for "the fish to bite" or "a better break" won't get you to the place you want to be.

If you're serious about what you want to achieve you won't be happy waiting to see what life brings you. You'll want to set a goal, make a plan, take a step. You'll want to be in charge.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

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HEALTH BRIEFS**CAMH controversy**

A group of international clinicians and researchers has sent a letter to Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health protesting the closure of its youth gender identity clinic and the apparent dismissal of its long-time director.

The letter includes a petition signed by more than 500 experts in the field of sexuality and gender diversity. Authors accuse the centre of bowing to pressure from transgender activists, who questioned psychologist Ken Zucker's treatment approach for children and teens who were at odds with their anatomical gender. Some members of the transgender community had suggested the clinic was practising "reparative therapy," with the goal of dissuading children who felt they were the opposite sex from embracing their internal gender — an accusation clinic staff denied.

Following an independent review, CAMH in mid-December said it was "winding down" the Child and Adolescent Gender Identity Clinic.

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Meet Canada's 'beer whisperer'

TECHNOLOGY

Prof is brewing innovation as craft-beer biz explodes

Andrew MacIntosh understands beer in ways few others can comprehend — on the microscopic level, in its broader historical sweep, and in its sensual appeal.

Though he's reluctant to use the term, he is on his way to becoming Nova Scotia's beer whisperer — part academic, part business mentor — using science to troubleshoot the challenges facing the province's "exploding" craft brewery industry.

The professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax is an expert on fermentation, and is also studying to become a cicerone — the brewing equivalent of a sommelier.

MacIntosh is part of the new Canadian Institute of Fermentation Technology, established last summer to help grow the brewing, distilling and wine industries. Supported by public and private funding, the institute offers scientific analysis of products using gear that no small business

could afford. It also provides help with improving methods of making wine, beer and spirits.

So far, much of MacIntosh's work has been focused on craft beer.

"This is a very exciting area because it is absolutely booming, not only in the quality of craft brewing but also in the selection," he says.

Inside a laboratory stuffed with high-tech equipment, MacIntosh uses a microscope to spy on the tiny yeast cells that convert sugar into alcohol and carbon dioxide — the magical microbiology behind fermentation. With great precision, MacIntosh is using his skills to instruct craft brewers on how to adjust recipes and improve production.

However, much of what the institute does is top secret — for competitive reasons.

Among other things, MacIntosh and his colleagues are working on a new method for making sparkling wine. They are also trying to find a cost-effective means of measuring alcohol in distilled products, and shortening the lagering process.

As well, the labs have already been used to improve a Nova Scotia-made device called the Fizz Whiz, which gives craft brewers



Professor Andrew MacIntosh poses near a fermenter at the university in Halifax.

DARREN CALABRESE / THE CANADIAN PRESS

a high level of precision when adding carbonation.

"It's very fancy," says MacIntosh. "(The inventor) is looking to launch that across Canada."

The institute is an offshoot of the Canadian Fisheries Institute of Technology, a 30-year-old endeavour that continues to support the seafood and nutritional supplements industries.

"Unfortunately, fisheries industry research is heading downhill," says MacIntosh. "So we looked at the other industries that are up-and-coming in Nova Scotia and the Maritimes."

In the past decade, the number of craft breweries in the province has grown from less than 10 to more than 30.

Amid the growing competi-

tion, craft brewers are turning to MacIntosh and his colleagues to perfect their suds.

"I'm a beer enthusiast and I really like the analytical side," says MacIntosh, an accomplished home brewer who prefers stout with a lot of caramel at this time of year. "Working with these companies has been quite rewarding." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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REPORT CARD WHICH PROVINCES GOT TOP MARKS IN HISTORY?

The majority of Canada's provinces and territories have been assigned high marks on a new report card on history education. Historica Canada looked at social studies and history curricula from grades 7 through 12 across the country.

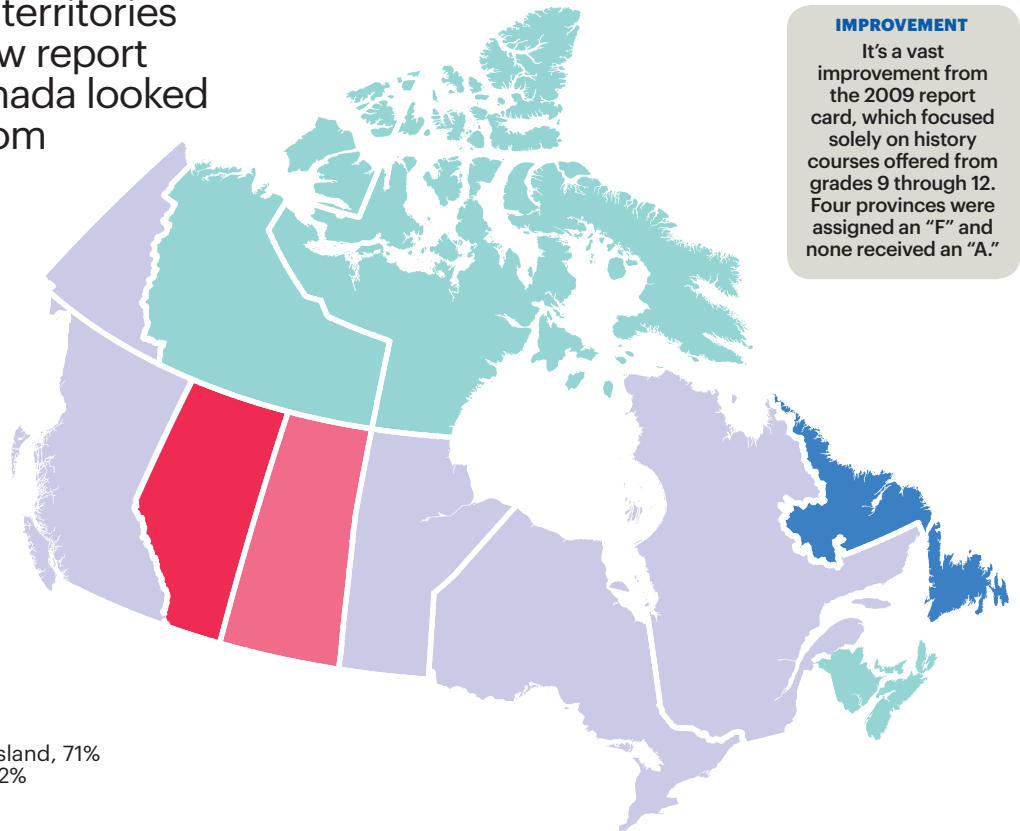
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THE METHOD

Evaluations were conducted for three main factors: curriculum content; development of critical and creative thinking skills; and the amount of mandatory Canadian history content at junior, intermediate and senior levels. The report card noted that curricula changes in recent years "have demonstrated the need to better incorporate diverse perspectives," such as those focused on indigenous peoples, gender and women's history and multiculturalism. It also outlines recommendations for further improvements, such as mandating at least one Canadian history credit as a high school graduation requirement, and establishing a clear balance between national and provincial/regional history.

OVERVIEW OF FINAL GRADES

- A-** Ontario, 82%; British Columbia, 81%; Quebec, 80%; Manitoba, 80%, Yukon, 81%
- B** Newfoundland and Labrador, 75% (anglophone)
- B-** Nova Scotia, 73%; New Brunswick, 71%; Prince Edward Island, 71% (all anglophone); Northwest Territories, 72%; Nunavut, 72%
- C+** Saskatchewan, 69%
- C-** Alberta, 62%



IMPROVEMENT

It's a vast improvement from the 2009 report card, which focused solely on history courses offered from grades 9 through 12. Four provinces were assigned an "F" and none received an "A."



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The 'gently sexist' lyrics of Glenn Frey

THE SHOW: Eagles concert, 1977 (YouTube)

THE MOMENT: The Crush

Singing Take It Easy on stage, Glenn Frey — co-leader of the band The Eagles, who died last week, age 67 — has sunglasses on his head and hair to his shoulders. He sports a moustache, a random T-shirt, jeans. He's smiling at the girls in the front row, who smile back adoringly beneath their centre-parted hair. He is the 1970s.

I was 15 that year, and I saw the Eagles live in Philadelphia. Before going, I had one of the more hilarious conversations of my life, with my stepfather Jake, a straight-up guy who loved the Eagles, too — the football team. He could not understand why I could not understand that he wanted to come with me. "But I'm going on the Party Express," I said — a bus that allowed kids to drink and smoke dope, run by my rock station, WZZO. ("The Zoo, man!" — always said with devil-



Glenn Frey at a show in 1978. TSS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

horn fingers wagging.) Jake's expression when he realized the Eagles was also a band is one of my fondest memories of him.

There were only three things you needed to know about Frey if you were 15 in 1977: He was cute. He was a good singer. He liked girls. If his lyrics sound gently sexist now, well, they were. (It's not as if music has

become less misogynistic.) One of the great upheavals in sexual mores was occurring. Frey was writing about it. And some of us were dancing in our seats, high above the stage, waiting our turn.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

MUSIC

Macklemore uses his privilege to call out white privilege

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood



Hey, Macklemore is back — and he's tackling the subject of white privilege and cultural appropriation, which is nifty. Except he's doing it in a nearly-nine-minute-long track called White Privilege II, which is downright self-indulgent.

But hey, nobody's perfect. His racial sensitivity hand-wringing is pretty soul-searching and self-critical, but he also takes a moment to name-check some fellow artists like Miley Cyrus, Elvis Presley and Iggy Azalea.

"You've exploited and stolen the music, the moment, the magic, the passion, the fashion you toyed with, the culture was never yours to make better," he raps. "We take all we want from black culture, but do we show up for black lives?"

As it turns out, Azalea has heard the track, and she's not too pleased with the shout-out. "He shouldn't have spent the last three years having friendly convos and taking pictures



Macklemore calls out white privilege in rap. GETTY IMAGES

together at events if those were his feelings," she tweeted in response to a fan query about it.

Essence magazine entertainment director Cori Murray said she appreciated Macklemore's honesty.

"I don't think there's an easy answer, and I think that he

really did just say very plainly, ... 'I know I'm appropriating black culture, but I'm trying to do it in the most authentic way,'" Murray said.

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis released the song the week Spike Lee, Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith and others said they were skipping the Academy Awards because of two straight years of all-white acting nominees.

The Seattle-based duo's website says the song "is the outcome of an ongoing dialogue with musicians, activists, and teachers within our community in Seattle and beyond."

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he shouldn't have spent the last 3 yrs having friendly convos and taking pictures together at events etc if those were his feelings



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SUNDANCE

Manchester by the Sea gets standing ovation

No one shows the landscape of human grief and trauma quite like Kenneth Lonergan.

It sometimes seems like the playwright turned director of both You Can Count On Me and Margaret knows us better than we know ourselves. His movies look and feel like life — it's no wonder our souls can only handle one every few years.

Manchester by the Sea, his third feature which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival on Saturday to a massive standing ovation, is truly a masterpiece.

In its simplest form, Manchester by the Sea is about family, tragedy and aftermath. Casey Affleck plays Lee Chandler, a custodian in Boston for some scummy apartment buildings. He lives alone in an unadorned room. He fixes toilets as silently and as stoically as one can. He turns down frequent advances with a simple "that's all right." And he gets into bar fights of his own making.

Then his brother (played by Kyle Chandler) dies and he must return to his hometown to take care of his teenage nephew, Patrick (Lucas Hedges), forcing him to explore the reasons he had to leave years ago.

After the film premiered, Affleck told a sobbing audience that the experience has made



Affleck is generating Oscar buzz with his performance in Lonergan's latest. CONTRIBUTED

him a better actor.

Hedges, who had a small role in Moonrise Kingdom said, too, that the raw emotion of so many of the scenes are "often more fulfilling and therapeutic than destructive."

"People find ways to live with real tragedy, but some people don't," Lonergan said. "I thought maybe they deserve to have a movie made about them too."

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Justin Bieber makes Chelsea Handler uneasy

I've been telling people that Justin Bieber is the worst — just the absolute worst — for years now, and finally someone's chiming in to agree. Well, sort of.

Chelsea Handler took some questions during a Sundance Film Festival event this weekend, and one of them had to do with which celebrity was her worst interview subject.

At first, she didn't really have an answer, but then: "Just Bieber maybe, because he was trying to flirt with me and it was so uncomfortable," she says.

"Like, that's his shtick. He would come on and flirt with you and you just felt like a child molester right away. And I didn't want to feel that way. I think he does that with everybody." See? The worst. NED

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Rickie Fowler won the Abu Dhabi Championship, shooting a 3-under 69 Sunday for a one-stroke win over Thomas Pieters

Broncos ride swarming defence into Super Bowl

NFL PLAYOFFS

Manning bests Brady in what could be their final meeting

No, you're not seeing things.

That really was Peyton Manning lumbering his way down the field for a 12-yard gain and a first down Sunday. And thanks to his defence, that will be Manning — the 39-year-old quarterback who was supposed to be on his way to a retirement party — and not Tom Brady playing in the Super Bowl two weeks from now.

O! No. 18 engineered a 20-18 victory over the Patriots — not settled until Broncos cornerback Bradley Roby picked off Brady's pass on a two-point attempt that would have tied it with 12 seconds left.

The Patriots had to go for two after Brady hit Rob Gronkowski in the back of the end zone because Stephen Gostkowski missed his first extra point in 524 tries in the first quarter.

Aqib Talib stepped in front

+ AIR ATTACK

Manning completed 17 of his 32 passing attempts for 176 yards and two TDs.

AFC championship



of Brady's pass and deflected it skyward.

Roby, who forced the game-changing fumble in last week's victory over Pittsburgh, made the pick. The Broncos (14-4) recovered the onside kick and the celebration began. Manning is now 6-11 in his vaunted series against Brady, but 3-1 when it has counted the most — with the AFC title on the line.

"Well, it's been a special rivalry over the course of my career against the Patriots, the entire organization," Manning said. "To play four times in the AFC championship with so much on the line, those games have been very special."

Manning surpassed his boss, John Elway, as the oldest quarterback to take his team to the Super Bowl. The Broncos will play Carolina.

Whether it's been Manning lining up under centre, or Brock Osweiler, who took snaps while Manning was injured for six weeks toward the end of the season, the Broncos



Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski is tackled by Broncos Shiloh Keo, bottom left, Josh Bush and Danny Trevathan on Sunday in Denver. DUSTIN BRADFORD/GETTY IMAGES

have depended on a defence that gave up the fewest yards this season and came up with game-saving plays time and again.

Von Miller finished with 2-1/2 sacks and an interception. The Broncos harassed Brady all day. He finished 27-for-56 for 310 yards. After being shut out twice inside the Denver

20 late in the fourth quarter, Brady lobbed a 40-yard pass to a double-covered Gronkowski to keep a desperation drive going on fourth-and-10.

Then, on fourth-and-goal from the four with 12 seconds left, Brady found Gronkowski — again double-covered — in the back corner of the end zone. The tight end stepped

in front of Chris Harris Jr. for the catch, and the game came down to one play.

The Broncos defence made it once again, and the franchise is now headed to its eighth Super Bowl. This marks No. 4 for Manning, who could become the first quarterback to lead two different franchises to titles.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Panthers carve up Cards

Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and ran for two others, and Carolina's big-play defence stifled Arizona's top-ranked offence in a 49-15 romp Sunday for the NFC championship.

The NFL's new top man at quarterback — Newton is an All-Pro this season — will lead the Panthers against five-time MVP Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl in two weeks.

NFC championship



It will be the first Super Bowl for Newton and the second trip to the big game for the Panthers (17-1), who lost to New England 12 years ago. Denver, of course, has made a habit of going to Super Bowls, reaching it for a record-tying eighth time.

Carolina's D was destructive. It forced six turnovers by Carson Palmer — special teams got one — as the Cardinals (13-4) allowed their most points this season.

Newton finished the game completing 19 of 28 pass attempts for 335 yards.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Djokovic survives error-filled match

Novak Djokovic committed 100 unforced errors yet still managed to advance to the quarter-finals with a 6-3, 6-7 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win over Gilles Simon at the Australian Open on Sunday.

The world's top-ranked player reached the quarters in a 27th consecutive major, equaling Jimmy Connors at No. 2 in that streak and trailing only Roger Federer's record of 36.

Also on Sunday, Federer beat David Goffin 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

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Novak Djokovic struggled through a five-setter Sunday. SAEED KHAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Vonn adds to record haul

Another day in Cortina, another record for Lindsey Vonn.

The American won a World Cup super-G Sunday for her 11th career victory in Cortina, breaking the Italian resort record of retired Austrian standout Renate Goetschl.

By winning a downhill on Saturday, Vonn eclipsed Annemarie Moser-Proell's mark of 36 career wins in skiing's marquee event.

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FIGURE SKATING

Chan: Quad jumps cutting into quality

Patrick Chan has always been known as the total package — big jumps coupled with intricate spins and a skating ability that is considered the best in the world.

So after his 18-month hiatus, Canada's three-time world champion was dismayed to return to find his sport dominated by quadruple jumps.

And the morning after he won his eighth gold medal at the Canadian figure skating champion, Chan waded back

into the quad controversy.

"It's getting a little ridiculous. It's like the slam dunk contest, that's what it's becoming," Chan said. "I will be dead honest, I think with my experience and credibility at this point, I can say already with the men doing three quads, the quality of skating is diminished."

The 25-year-old from Toronto landed two huge quads in his long program Saturday night.

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Cam Newton threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for another two. GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY IMAGES

Senators ruff up Rangers

NHL

Ottawa fans promised pup if Ryan scored, ... and he did

Bobby Ryan scored the winner in the Ottawa Senators' 3-0 victory over the New York Rangers — and he helped a local family get a new pet in the process.

Ryan, who gave Ottawa the only offence it needed 19:40 into the second period, noticed a sign held by a young boy during warm-up that read: "Bobby, dad said if you score we get a puppy."

"I felt more pressure with that than after saying what I said last game," said Ryan. "I wanted to get the poor kid a dog." Ryan called out the Senators' poor play following their 6-3 loss to the New Jersey Devils Friday night. He was happy to see his team turn things around Sunday.

"We stuck with it for 60 minutes," he said. "I thought we played well. When you put yourself out there and you make the comments, they're going to echo throughout the room and who am I to say it and ask these young



Ottawa's Bobby Ryan, sitting down, is congratulated by teammate Mika Zibanejad after scoring against the Rangers. The Sens snapped a two game losing run. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

guys to do it if I'm not doing it? So I felt like I did what I said I was going to do and I thought everybody followed along."

Craig Anderson stopped 35 shots to pick up his 32nd career shutout and third of the season. Mike Hoffman and Jean-Gabriel Pageau also scored for Ottawa (23-20-6), who snapped a two-game losing streak. Henrik

THURSDAY In Ottawa

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Lundqvist made 31 saves for the Rangers (26-17-5). Aside from his goaltender Rangers coach Alain

Vigneault could find few positives from his team's display.

"We were on the outside the whole night and just didn't have a good game at all," he said. The 18,940 on hand at Canadian Tire Centre were treated to a goal-tending duel for much of the afternoon. Both Anderson and Lundqvist made a number of big saves to keep the game scoreless.

I wanted to get the poor kid a dog.

Ottawa's Bobby Ryan on his mission to score and make a young fan happy.

Leading 1-0 early in the third, the Senators got a little breathing room as Hoffman scored his team-leading 22nd to make it 2-0.

Hoffman used Ryan as a decoy on a 2-on-1 and beat Lundqvist glove side. Pageau made it 3-0 with a short-handed empty-net goal with just over two minutes remaining in regulation. It was Pageau's 11th of the season, setting a new career high for the 23-year-old. It wasn't until the dying seconds of the second period that the Senators were able to solve Lundqvist.

Jared Cowen's shot from inside the blueline hit the post and Ryan got his stick on the rebound to give Ottawa a 1-0 lead. Ryan, with his 17th of the season, is one goal shy of tying his season total from last year.

The family said it will name the new puppy Bobby in Ryan's honour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

IOC relaxes guidelines on transgender athletes

Transgender athletes should be allowed to compete in the Olympics and other international events without undergoing sex reassignment surgery, according to new guidelines adopted by the International Olympic Committee.

IOC medical officials told The Associated Press on Sunday they changed the policy to adapt to current scientific, social and legal attitudes on transgender issues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chelsea dents Arsenal's title hopes with derby win

Diego Costa gave Chelsea a 1-0 victory over 10-man Arsenal on Sunday, damaging its London rival's bid to dethrone them as Premier League champions.

Chelsea already looked the livelier team when it gained a man advantage in the 18th minute, following Per Mertesacker's red card-lunge on Costa.

It took only five minutes after that for Arsenal's defence to be breached when Costa evaded defender Gabriel, who had been brought on to replace forward Olivier Giroud after Mertesacker's dismissal.

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Drogba returning to Impact

Didier Drogba is returning to the Montreal Impact. After weeks of speculation on whether the 37-year-old striker would go back to his former club Chelsea, the Impact announced Sunday that Drogba will return sometime during training camp, after a spell of working out in Qatar.

Drogba, who has a year remaining on his contract, suggested he'd be back in a tweet that read: "On way to Qatar to do some preparation work for pre-season #impactmontreal."

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Lowry leads Raps to victory

All-star guard Kyle Lowry had 21 points to lead the Raptors to a 112-94 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday night, for Toronto's eighth win in a row.

DeMar DeRozan, who hopes to join Lowry at the all-star game, scored 18 points as the Raptors (29-15) shook off a slow start in the first quarter. Lowry added six assists, while Jonas Valanciunas had 20 points and eight rebounds despite early foul trouble.

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IN BRIEF

Kings' Lucic gets short ban for game misconduct

Los Angeles Kings forward Milan Lucic is suspended for one game for punching an unsuspecting opponent.

The NHL announced Lucic will miss Sunday's game against the San Jose Sharks.

Lucic received a game misconduct in the third period Saturday against Arizona when he landed a right hook into Kevin Connauton's face after Connauton slashed him.

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Versteeg's pair lifts Hurricanes past Flames

Kris Versteeg scored twice to lead the Carolina Hurricanes to a 5-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Sunday.

Victor Rask, Elias Lindholm and Joakim Nordstrom also scored for Carolina. The Hurricanes led 3-0 early in the second period and chased Calgary goalie Karri Ramo. Calgary got goals from Jiri Hudler and Joe Colborne. Eddie Lack made 33 saves for Carolina.

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2016 OLYMPICS

Health officials on alert for Games amid virus outbreak

Rio de Janeiro's Olympic venues will be inspected daily during the games in a bid to prevent the spread of a mosquito-borne virus linked to a rare birth defect and also a condition that can cause paralysis, local organizers said Sunday.

Brazil is suffering from an outbreak of Zika virus, which health officials here say it may be behind a spike in cases of microcephaly, which sees infants born with unusually small heads, as well as the paralysis-causing Guillain-Barre syndrome. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised pregnant women to reconsider travel to Brazil and 21 other countries with Zika outbreaks.

The Rio 2016 local organizing committee stressed that because the Aug. 5-21 games are during the southern hemisphere winter, Brazil's dry season, the mosquito population will be smaller.

In any case, teams will scour Rio's Olympic and Paralympic sites daily, looking for stagnant waters that are the breeding grounds for the Aedes aegypti mosquito that transmits Zika, as well as dengue and chikungunya.



Rio 2016 venues will be inspected daily during the Games to prevent the spread of the Zika virus YASUYOSHI CHIBA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Rio 2016 will continue to monitor the issue closely.

Rio Olympics organizing committee

"Rio 2016 will continue to monitor the issue closely and follow guidance from the Brazilian Ministry of Health," the committee said in a statement.

The Zika outbreak is the latest problem to hit South

America's first Olympics, coming as Brazil battles its deepest recession in generations, as well as a gargantuan corruption probe that has ensnared top politicians and some of the country's most prominent businessmen.

Rio organizers are cutting about \$500 million in expenses, several million tickets remain unsold, and venues for sailing, canoeing and rowing are rife with high virus levels linked to Rio's outdated sewage treatment system.

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RECIPE Shrimp & Orzo Skillet Dinner



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Start your week with this elegant yet easy one-pot wonder. Both orzo and shrimp cook quickly, making them a perfect combo for weeknight meals.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 14 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup orzo
- 1 lb cleaned and de-veined shrimp

- Big handful of fresh basil, sliced
- 1/2 cup feta, crumbled

Directions

1. In a large skillet, sauté onion and garlic in oil over medium heat until they smell great and soften up. Add the oregano and cook for another minute.
2. Pour in stock, vinegar and tomatoes and taste for seasoning. Add salt and pepper.
3. Now add the orzo and allow everything to simmer for 15 minutes.
4. Add your shrimp and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn pink and opaque.
5. Sprinkle basil and feta over top and serve.

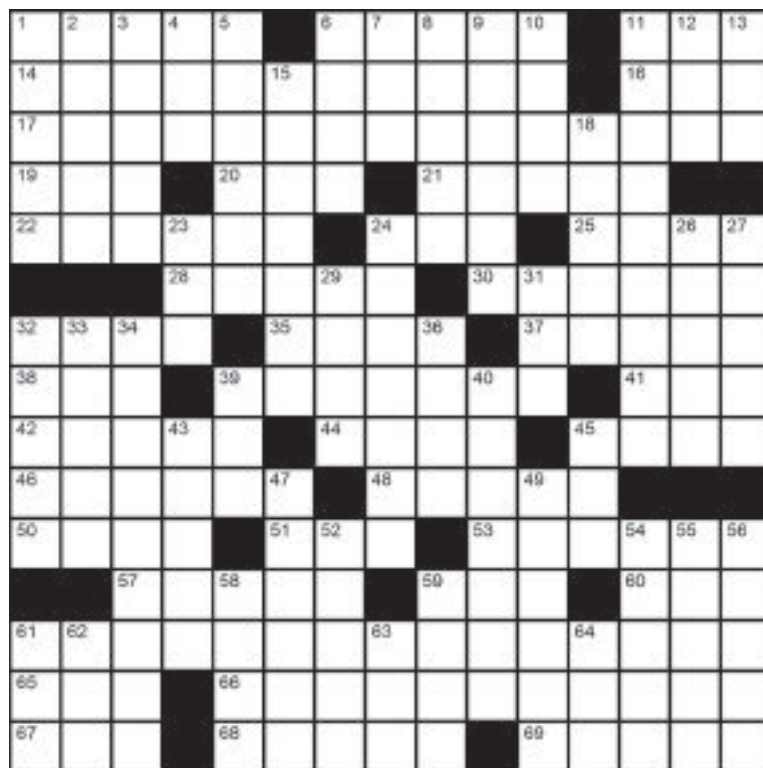
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ACROSS

1. Country singer K.T.
6. Raised flatlands
11. Beaver's construction
14. Sir Ian Fleming, for one: 2 wds.
16. Wood sorrel
17. Fictional rural setting of "Hee Haw" (Trivial! The long-running variety show was created by two Canadians, Frank Papp and John Aylesworth): 2 wds.
19. 'Hect' add-on
20. Anonym-ous [abbr.]
21. Acidic, such as a swimming pool's water quality = _ _ _
22. Stand firm
24. Game: French
25. Prefix to 'legal'
28. Hanson member
30. Actress Charlize
32. 17th Greek letters
35. Swallow
37. _ _ _ the side of caution
38. _ de Cologne
39. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Cox
41. 'Verb' suffix
42. "The Jetsons" pet
44. Decorative pin holder
45. Otolaryngologists, commonly
46. "Flashdance" (1983) song
48. Rope fibres



50. Close-fitting
51. Li'l reply
53. Really busy
57. Battle royal
59. Lubricate
60. Prefix meaning 'Ear'
61. Books business: 2 wds.
65. Pres. Eisen-

- hower
66. Charlie _ (Radio newscaster on the show at #17-Across)
67. Ireland airline, with Lingus
68. Architectural framework
69. Demeanors

DOWN

1. Mr. Schindler (Liam Neeson role in 1993)
2. Fern 'seed'
3. Ancient harps
4. Hostel
5. Without fanfare or difficulty: 2 wds.
6. Biblical heirs,

- with The
7. Kay's follower
8. Sashay
9. Invite to a movie and dinner: 2 wds.
10. Place into storage
11. Canadian entertainer who created/played the iconic character at

- #66-Across: 2 wds.
12. Do stage work
13. Might
15. Wine's year
18. Ontario attraction, _ Canada Village
23. ' _ ' for Iberville
24. Reusable blue kitchen wipes in a hexagon box: letter + wd.
26. Hen's home
27. Author Ms. Rice's
29. Dawn: French
31. Schemer's chuckle, when repeated
32. Paper quantities
33. _ _ _ effect on
34. Be larger in quantity
36. "Charmed" sister
39. _ _ 180
40. Reach for the stars: 2 wds.
43. Orion's brightest star
45. Keyboard key
47. Conqueror of Gaul
49. "The Taking of _ 12 3" (2009)
52. Beatles jacket style
54. Put _ _ (Get working)
55. "Your show's starting!": 2 wds.
56. Movie-makers
- Joel and Ethan
58. Elevator, in England
59. Burden
61. Ms. Zadora
62. Arthur Godfrey's instrument, for short
63. Smartness figs.
64. "Either he goes _ _ go!"

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

You want to get away from your usual environment and explore places you haven't been in a while. But make sure your wanderings are done with by midweek as journeys may be unpredictable later on.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

It is possible that you will come into money. However, it is also possible that you will waste money on things you don't need. Maybe you'll do both and end up with the same amount!

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

An affair of the heart will go extremely well. On the work front, however, be wary of someone who approaches you with a proposition that sounds too good to be true.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Try not to lose sight of the big picture. Step back from what you are doing and make sure you don't drift off course. Also, don't let anyone undermine your confidence.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

What comes easy to you over the next few days won't come so easy later on, so make an effort to get the tough stuff out of the way. If a project of some kind no longer inspires you, end it and move on.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will have to make a tough choice between your family and your career. But it does not have to be one thing or the other — there are always ways to balance competing needs.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Over the next few days you will get a more balanced view of what is taking place in the world. If an authority figure tells you that certain opinions are not allowed, tell them to get lost. Think and speak as you please.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Some sort of material gain is likely but don't take your good fortune for granted. Remember that you always get more from what you own and earn if you don't grasp it too tightly.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

So many things will go right for you that you may find it hard to believe your luck. What's the catch? There isn't one, so stop worrying and start doing things you really enjoy.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Make an effort but make sure that what you do is primarily for yourself. Because you're so reliable employers may try to shift some of their workload to you. Don't let them!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will be immensely popular — everyone wants to get close to you. Having said which, watch what you say and do when people in positions of authority are around — they could easily turn against you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

People you deal with in a creative capacity will be hugely impressed by your ideas and your willingness to work with others. Just make sure you get full credit for your input.

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